

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-56. (canceled)

57. (currently amended) A method[[,]] comprising:

generating a plurality of phase-shifted burst mode signals;

modulating power to a plurality of loads based on pulse width of said phase-shifted burst mode signals;

regulating power to a said plurality of loads using respective said phase shifted burst mode signals;

generating a plurality of AC signals based at least in part on a respective phase-shifted burst mode signal; and

supplying respective said plurality of AC signals to respective said plurality of loads respectively.

58. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:

generating said plurality of phase-shifted burst mode signals according to a PWM signal and a phase delay; and

~~wherein power delivered~~ determining power delivered to each respective load ~~determined~~ by the pulse width of said PWM signal.

59. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:

determining a frequency of at least one of said phase-shifted burst mode signals based on a frequency selection signal.

60. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein each load of said lead plurality of loads comprises a CCFL.

61. (canceled)

62. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:

turning power to at least one load on and off based on, at least in part, the state of a respective phase-shifted burst mode signal.

63-68. (canceled)